

REMARKS

Claims 2-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter; only Claim 1 is pending.

The specification has been amended to cross-reference the parent application. Applicants presently intend to file addition papers in this case shortly. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the attorneys for the Applicants.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

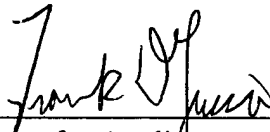
Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of her examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A form PTO-1449 is enclosed, citing the art of record in the parent application, but, pursuant to MPEP § 609, no new copies of such art are provided; should the Examiner wish to have such submitted, however, Applicants will gladly do so upon request.

CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Scinto", is written over a horizontal line.

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